

REMARKS

Claims 2-14 and 16-39 are pending in this reissue application. All of these claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 251 as being based upon a defective reissue declaration. In particular, the examiner contends that the statement of error in the reissue declaration is not acceptable in the use of the phrase “it might be considered broad enough to read on....” The examiner also requires a supplemental reissue declaration.

Submitted herewith is a new reissue application declaration by the inventors and supplement. In this declaration the statement of error has been revised to state”

“At least independent claim 1 of the original patent is too broad in that it is broad enough to read on the vessel disclosed in published Japanese unexamined Utility Model application no. S52-25854.”

It is believed that this is an acceptable statement of the error.

The declaration also includes the language suggested by the examiner for a supplemental reissue declaration covering all errors not covered by previous declarations.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejections of the claims have been overcome and, accordingly, that claims 2-14 and 16-39 are now in condition for allowance.

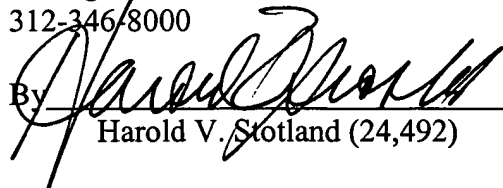
The aforementioned action also notes, at paragraph 4, that if applicants desire to claim the benefit of a prior-filed application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, a specific reference to the prior-filed application must be included in the first sentence of the specification following the title. Such a reference does appear in the first sentence of the specification following the title, under the heading “Cross-Reference to Related Application,” and it is acknowledged in the official filing receipt.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and the allowance thereof is respectfully asked.

Respectfully submitted,

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